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SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF IBM EMPLOYEES

1. INTER-DEPARTMENTAL TASKFORCE HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY IBM WITH REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO EVACUATE SOME 315 EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS IN VIET NAM. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE FROM EARLIER TRAFFIC THIS SUBJECT, U.S. PRIVATE EMPLOYEES HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE HIGH RISK CATEGORY UNDER WHICH THE AG HAS AUTHORIZED PAROLE. WE ARE NOW PLANNING TO CORRECT THIS OVERSIGHT AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CONGRESS.

2. WE HAVE EXPLAINED THIS TO IBM AND INDICATED THAT INS HAS AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO THE AG THAT PAROLE BE EXTENDED TO THIS GROUP. IN THE MEANTIME WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT IBM TAKE THEIR PEOPLE OUT BUT NOT RPT NOT TO US TERRITORY UNTIL ISSUE IS RESOLVED WITH CAPITOL HILL HOPEFULLY ON MONDAY. IBM HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT ALL RESPONSIBILITY INCLUDING ONWARD MOVEMENT IF PAROLE IS NOT AUTHORIZED. THIS MESSAGE THEREFORE CONSTITUTES AUTHORITY FOR THE LIMITED EVACUATION OF IBM EMPLOYEES BY MAC ASSETS.

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3. AT THE SAME TIME WE DISCUSS WITH CONGRESS EMPLOYEES OF
AMERICAN BUSINESSES WE WILL ASK THAT PAROLE BE EXTENDED
TO EMPLOYEES OF AMERICAN VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. KISSINGER

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